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co oil is 37-grav- here is no addi- ease for gravity ere are the latest the West Texas- : 37-37.9 gravity; : 38-38.9, \$2.73; 40 and higher,

Spuds at Eddy

l Co. announced 3,000-foot Ellen- Jo. 1 East Texas est Central Eddy is in SE SE Sec. 30 miles West h of Carlsbad. test had spudded below 175 feet.

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Press Meet

Press Assn. con- weekend at Las Principal speaker Mathews, editor the Arizona Daily

There is an old saying in oil business that no matter how deep you are drilling, you are not deep enough until you encounter granite, which is "30" or the end in newspaper parlance.

Humble pulled a couple of cores the past week but both showed only sand and shale with no encouraging signs of either oil or gas.

The Humble hole is said to be straightening out and is now off only about two degrees, since whipstock was set at 8842 feet.

Denton Well Given Rating 515 Bbls. Day

Magnolia Petroleum Co.'s No. 3 Maxwell has been completed in the Denton pool of East-Central Lea County for 515 barrels of 45-gravity oil per day.

Production is coming through 16/64ths-inch choke from perforations at 12,603-12,641 feet, after this section was treated with 14,000 gallons. Total depth is 12,647, plugged back depth 12,645, and top of pay 12,495 feet. Tubing pressure was 1,050 pounds and packer 12,595 pounds.

Formation tops were: anhydrite 2,144; top salt, 2,258; Yates 3,138; San Andres 4,657; Glorieta 6,197; Tubbs 7,352; Abo 8,052; Mississippian 11,690; Wolfcamp 12,400; and Devonian 12,503 feet. Elevation at well is 3,832 feet.

The No. 3 Maxwell is located in NE SE Sec. 27-14S-37E.

State Sale 21st Offers 46 Tracts

The next sale of State oil and gas leases will be held Tuesday, July 21. A total of 46 tracts have been advertised for lease, 33 by sealed bids and 13 for oral auction to be held at the close of the regular sealed-bid sale.

Lea County leads with 27 tracts, Eddy is second with ten, Chaves six, Roosevelt one and San Juan one. One combination tract includes acreage in Roosevelt and Chaves. A good sale is predicted.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. will drill a Pennsylvania test in the La Ventana sector of Sandoval county.

Although roads are reported built and slush pits dug in center of SE 1/4 of Sec. 23-19N-2W, it is said location may be moved a mile or two West in the El Paso block.

El Paso geologists are now checking the area and may recommend a change in the drilling site.

Meantime Ed W. Cannedy of Albuquerque is preparing to move on and drill three Mesaverde tests in this same area. The Cannedy locations have been confirmed as follows: NE SE Sec. 21-18N-3W; NE SE Sec. 10-18N-3W, and NE NE Sec. 33-18N-3W. Drilling is scheduled to start at once.

All the above locations are on Federal land.

Lynch Plugs Valencia Test; Reported Waiting on Power Valley Fill Reported to 7955

The mysterious abandonment of the No. 1 Dalies-San Clemente, one of two avidly-followed Valencia county wildcats, has been confirmed by official sources.

Persons connected with the test earlier reported it had been shut down June 5 at 7955 to wait for more power. But official reports state the wildcat was plugged and abandoned—June 5.

Meantime, Phil D. Lynch, Effingham, Ill., operator who began the project May 10 — actually a deepening of a 1952 hole — left along with his crew from the local scene. There were reports they want to Nebraska to drill a test there.

Both Lynch and Roy E. Whitley, his Abilene, Tex., tool pusher, had told The Oil News and Albuquerque dailies that the June 5 shut-down was to await more horsepower for drilling deeper.

What happened or why was not immediately clear. One of the dailies may have been on the right track when it reported "rumors that the court mixup over ownership of Dalies townsite lots may have an effect on the Lynch wildcat."

The holder or holders of the land on which the Lynch test was

Penns beds be thick enough, a commercial discovery is believed possible. The location is about 15 miles Northwest of Roswell, county seat of Chaves County.

Stanolind Seismic Crew in Roosevelt

Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. has moved an 18-man seismograph crew into Roosevelt County (it was learned last week. The crew will make its headquarters at Portales.

During the past couple of years, Roosevelt County has probably had more geophysical work than any county in the state. There was no statement as to the territory to be explored by the Stanolind crews.

drilling never have been disclosed. There have been reports that one person involved also is involved in the court tangle in this state, and in other court action elsewhere.

The Lynch test was a deepening of the Harry C. Long (Los Angeles) 6,024-foot hole contracted and drilled that depth about a year ago. Location is SE SE Sec. 32-7N-1E.

The official report of the latest P&A is terse. No formation tops were reported. Only surface pipe is listed, although the Lynch test was drilling in loose valley fill.

The 10 3/4-inch surface pipe was set in the original Long try to 208 feet and cemented with 200 sacks. There reportedly was no casing on the location while Lynch was working it. He told The Oil News once that "we'll get it if we need it."

Without casing, only continuous drilling and circulation pressure could keep the sandy hole from the strong possibility of collapse.

CRUDE OIL IN STORAGE	
(Barrels of 42 Gallons)	
June 13, 1953	278,960,000
June 20, 1953	278,543,000